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THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

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There are two organizations dealing with the standardization of geographical names in the Hungarian People's Republic. The official forms of administrative names (county, district, community, town-names) are contained in the Gazetteer, edited and published regularly by the Central Statistical Office.

The official form of other than administrative names is established by the Committee on Geographical Names acting within the framework of the National Office of Lands and Mapping. This Committee deals with geographical names in Hungary and also with the regulation of use in Hungarian of foreign geographical names.

In the field of standardization of place-names, important progress has been reached recently by the fact that the official form of such names now approaches the orthography established by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. By this way, many uncertainties in spelling have been considerable reduced.

In the field of other than administrative names important progress has been reached by the compilation of a collection containing about 800 names; this compilation is being discussed at present. The proposed list of river, mountain, regional, etc. names contained in this collection has been sent by the Committee on Geographical Names all over the country to the local authorities and to such local institutions, which are familiar with geographical names and their use. The Committee makes its decisions taking into consideration - as far as possible - the observations received.

The Committee also studied the country names of the world and established their most appropriate forms to be used in Hungarian. The list of country names in Hungarian will be published before long.

For further plans the Committee figures the regulation of the use and spelling of those geographical names considered most important, which refer to areas outside of Hungary.

The Committee participates in the very important work of the compilation of the geographical names in Hungary. This work has been in progress for several years, partly on a voluntary basis, partly subsidized. As a result of this work, the compilation in several countries is nearing completion; one country has already published the results. The names compiled and systematized in this way serve as base for the fullest possible standardization of the geographical names in Hungary.
